

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	KNUDSON ET AL.	Examiner:	D. ISABELLA
Serial No.:	10/245,556	Group Art Unit:	3738
Filed:	SEPTEMBER 17, 2002	Docket No.:	11587.1USC9
Title:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS SURGERY		

**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on October 9, 2003.

By:   
Name: Kristine A. Walker**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 11, 2003, said period of response being extended from July 11, 2003 to October 11, 2003.


Our check in the amount of \$475.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.

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Respectfully submitted,

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